



The H&V Family Leadership in Language and Learning

"Hands & Voices Family Leadership: Where love, language and learning thrive."



September 1, 2017

Greetings,

Wow, a lot has been happening with the FL3 this summer!

Staff have been busy with achieving the goals of this project through getting the pulse of families and stakeholders via the National Needs Assessment process which is in full swing. We are daily providing technical assistance to EHDI systems stakeholders, and continue to benefit from the wisdom of our two Advisory Boards - the FL3 Scientific Language, Literacy and Social Development Advisory and the FL3 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory.

Progress continues on enhancing the H&V website infrastructure to support our information dissemination goals and to house our webinars and videos that are being produced, some of which are available [here](#).

We hope you could attend one of the webinars that were presented this summer on the co-production of systems. If you happened to miss them, don't worry they were recorded and are available for viewing on the link above.

As we continue into the next quarter, please reach out to us if you have questions or need assistance. We look forward to developing the resources that families need to optimize the language, literacy, and social-emotional development of their children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Warm wishes,

The FL3 Team

FL3 Updates:

* There are two new videos on the [FL3 website](#):

- o There is an 8-minute captioned video of Karen Putz and Janet DesGeorges talking about the influence of Deaf/Hard of Hearing families in the lives of children.



- o Karen Putz created a video in ASL explaining the FL3



* Did you miss the webinar "A Co-Production of Services: Family/Professional Partnerships in ELDI Systems"? You can watch the recorded version [here](#):

"Fostering Family Engagement and Leadership in ELDI Systems" will be available soon.

* The formal, national needs assessment that is being coordinated with the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM) to gather information on family engagement within the ELDI systems is in full swing. Surveys have been sent out to various individuals and focus groups

have been convened to gain knowledge about their experiences within the EHDI system. This information will be used to drive the content of the trainings, educational materials and resources that will be developed and distributed over the remaining period of the agreement.

* The FL3 program is available to support state/territory EHDI systems and the identified Family Based Organizations to improve family engagement, partnership, and leadership within the EHDI System. Examples of recent technical assistance that has been provided includes; assisting with work plans, budgets, parent-to-parent support programming, DHH Adult to parent support programming, etc.



Upcoming Webinar
Friday, September 29, 2017
Registration Now



Stephanie Olson

You too? Me too!:
The Impact of Deaf/Hard
of Hearing Adults on the
Parenting Journey



Karen Putz

Friday, September 29,
2017
12:00 PM MST to 1:00 PM MST

[Register Here](#)

Presenters: Stephanie Olson and Karen Putz - Hands & Voices Directors of D/HH Infusion

It takes all of us; parents, professionals, Deaf and hard of hearing (D/HH) mentors, guides and role models to work together with families and improve outcomes for the children that we serve. The journey begins and ends with families but there is so much that Deaf/HH mentors, guides, role models can do to support parents raising confident and happy children.

This webinar will examine the positive impact that Deaf/HH mentors, guides and role models can have on the families and their children. Discovering the joys and normalizing every day experiences from a diverse group of Deaf/HH professionals may reduce parenting stress and increase the joy, hope and expectations that parents may have for their child.

[Click here](#) for more information

Things to Watch For in the Coming Months

There are many ways in which the FL3 will support the efforts of families, family-based organizations and state EHDI system stakeholders. Watch for these upcoming activities:

- The FL3 section of the website will launch this fall with information and resources on family leadership; family-to-family support; language, literacy and social development; and D/HH Adult Involvement.
- Resources on the importance of D/HH Adult Involvement
- Additional trainings for EHDI system stakeholders.

FL3 Contacts and Information



Information

If you have questions about FL3, please [contact](#) us.
For staff assignments and contact information click [here](#).



Hands & Voices Mission:

Hands & Voices is a parent-driven organization that supports families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing without a bias around communication modes or methodology.

Hands & Voices operates several outreach activities, parent/professional collaborations, and advocacy efforts that are focused on supporting families in order to ensure Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing children reach their highest potential. Several of the organization's main operating programs and projects include: Guide By Your Side ([GBYS](#)), [O.U.R. Project](#), Advocacy Support & Training ([ASTra](#)), [DHH Adult Infusion](#), [Deafed.net](#), Annual H&V Leadership Conference, Chapter Support and Information Dissemination as detailed on the Hands & Voices website. [Click here](#) for more information about Hands & Voices

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